

Board of Health Meeting
October 13, 2011

Minutes

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Town Building.

Present: Marcia Rising, Chair
Betty Cormier
Sylvia Daley, members
Susan Latham, Animal Control Officer
Kathleen Willis, Planning Board Liaison
Cyndie Colosi, Administrative Assistant
See attached list for other attendees.

Minutes were reviewed and approved from the September 8, 2011 meeting.

Bills and Permits were signed by the Chairman.

Marcia made a motion to approve the minutes from May, June and July 2011,

Betty seconded, all in favor.

Beaver Trapping Policy

Betty Cormier presented a report on the dog kennel area at the Highway Department.

Susan Latham, Animal Control Officer requested that Betty inspect the kennel area on October 7, 2011. Betty reported that there was a pile of mulch in the roadway to the disposal area. The Lions Club trailer was in close proximity to the roadway, limiting access to the disposal area. Betty had a discussion with Scott Morse about moving the mulch pile and the trailer to allow access to the pit.

Scott agreed to move it and also put up snow fencing to divide the area for access in there.

Betty reported as of today the mulch and trailer were still there, she would go back and talk to them. Betty and Scott had a discussion on the Beaver trapping. Scott understood that it was the highway department's job under the direction of the Board of Health to decide whose responsibility it was to trap the Beavers. Betty looked at the current Beaver Trapping policy and didn't feel it addressed the current issues. Marcia stated originally it came about as a public safety issue when several roads were in jeopardy due to Beavers. The policy is ten years old. Susan Latham stated she had talked to Pat Huckery from Mass. Fish and Wildlife. Pat indicated that if the problem is on private property the property owner is responsible for hiring the proper professional people for trapping. Betty commented that if the highway workers are licensed and trained to trap beavers, they should be vaccinated for Rabies. Marcia felt that the Beaver policy should be updated. Marcia will contact Pat Huckery and work on the policy.

Susan Latham also commented that she would like to invite Pat Huckery back to give some informational talks in the future on living with wildlife.

Agent Report

Jack reviewed the letter from Jay Billings, Hydrologist from Northeast Geoscience, Inc. on Golf Course Water Quality Monitoring that was sent to the Planning Board on September 13, 2011.

Jack suggested writing a letter to the golf courses about minimal use of the chemicals that are on the DEP banned list, but does not want adopt a regulation at this time. Jack will meet with the individual turf managers at the Golf Courses this week.

Jack gave an update to the Board on the situation at the shopping plaza this morning. The water system at the shopping plaza at Shaw's is managed by DEP. Jack received a phone call from DEP this morning stating that they had a complaint from one of the businesses that the water felt slimy.

It was found that the system that feeds sodium carbonate into the system to prevent pipe corrosion malfunctioned and fed too much of the sodium carbonate into the water causing the PH to be high. The system was flushed thoroughly and the businesses that handled food had to be shut down for hours. Jack worked with the sanitation group from Shaw's as well as DEP food management and most of the prepared foods that used water, as well as ice had to dispose of all of their items. Red Ginger, Dunkin Donuts had to dispose of all ice.

Jack explained that he and Cyndi are updating the Food Service Inspection schedule. Working on getting a system in place to coordinate inspections and permitting.

Lake Boon Drawdown Emergency Funds

Present from the Lake Boon Association: David Gray, David Siewerski, and Kent Seith. David Gray, Treasurer for the Association presented a report the Lake Boon Drawdown has begun and the Lake Boon Commission has requested making funds available if something should happen in the event of loss of well water supply due to the drawdown. The members of the Association voted to make available \$10,000 for that purpose.

The Association has administered guidelines for the handling of funds and allocation of the funds. Marcia asked if the guidelines were specific in the handling and allocation of the funds. David Gray said that there would be \$1,000 available per resident if needed. Marcia asked who handles the bank account at Avidia. David said as an association they would handle the funds together with the Board of Health. Jack Wallace said he would feel better if the funds were in the Town treasury. If the Board has to make a decision about the dispersal of funds, the Board will work in collaboration with the Association but he feels it would give more credibility to the program if the funds were in a Town account. Jack asked the Association to think about putting the funds in the Town Treasury and speak with William Wrigley as well. Marcia asked if the total amount of money would ever exceed \$10,000. David said no. Marcia requested that the Association make very clear what well remediation constitutes.

A copy of the Administration Guidelines for the Lake Boon Week Mitigation Drawdown contingency Fund for Private Well Remediation and/or Emergency Water Supply was provided for the Board of Health and is on file in the office.

Flu Clinic Reimbursement

Marcia reviewed the contract for Center for Health Care Financing through Umass. The Insurance Forms will be submitted to them for processing for reimbursement. The Medicare forms will be submitted to Acton Public Health Nursing. There was a lengthy discussion on whether or not to copy the insurance cards as requested by Health Care Financing. Jack is meeting with the Executive Committee and would like the paperwork ready for that meeting on October 26, 2011. The paperwork will also be on the Board of Health website to print and fill out ahead of time. Cyndie will check with John Sangermano to provide the MRC copier to use at the Flu Clinic.

It was decided that in order to participate in the Drive-Thru clinic all paperwork must be filled out prior to coming to the clinic.

Important Dates:

Spring 2012 Hazardous Waste Collection Day April 28, 2012

Future Board of Health Meeting Dates: November 17, 2011
December 15, 2011
January 19, 2012
February 16, 2012

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndie Colosi
Administrative Assistant